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The Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.
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In response to the official action mailed February 24, 2009, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 6, 9, 10, 11, 16 and 18 as follows in which the claim additions are shown by underlining and/or the claim deletions are shown by either strikeout or brackets. Please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.